(b) what was external debt position of India in 86 compared to that of China, Pakistan, Sudan and Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) According to the statistical information contained in the World Development Report 1988, published by the World Bank, the debt-service as a percentage of Gross National product for developing economies was 4.4 per cent. For the same year, India's debt-service as a proportion of GNP in 1.2 per cent. The proportions for China, Pakistan, Sudan and Bangladesh of debt-service as a percentage of GNP in 1986 is as follows:

Bangladesh	1.8%
China	0.9%
Sudan	0.8%
Pakistan	3.2%

These figures are based on World Bank estimates of external public debt outstanding and disbursed.

Evasion of excise duty by M|s Swatantra Bharat Mills

3515. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether M|s. Swatantra Bharat Mills, Delhi has been served a notice for evading excise duty totalling Rs. 1.29 crores; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A show cause notice has been issued to M|s. Swatantra Bharat Mills on 25th March, 1988. It is alleged that the said Mill has evaded duty to the tune of Rs. 1.29 crores by clearing Terry Towels without payment of duty in the guise of Terry Towelling Fabrics and also by not paying duty on the yarn and the fabrics used in the manufacture of exported Terry Towels.

Ban on Recruitment in Banks

3516. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ban imposed on the recruitment of personnel in public sector banks since 1984 still exists;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that because of this ban most of the banks are under-staffed; and

(c) whether Government propose to liberalise the ban and allow the banks to recruit personnel essentially needed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Lock-out Declared by Nuddea Mills Company

3517. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of Nuddea Mills Company belonging to the HMP group has declared a lock-out at its jute unit at Naihati employing over 4000 workers;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken to look into the causes and see that the lockout is lifted?